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## G. POPE IRBY MEETS MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Killed by Buck Shot on Farm Near Charleston

MOTIVE LACKING FOR SUICIDE

While alone on his farm in Berkeley County he meets death either by suicide, accident or at the hands of another. No conclusive evidence.

G. Pope Irby, until a few months ago a resident of this county, a son of the late Senator J. L. M. Irby, met a mysterious death from gun-shot wounds at his farm near Charleston Friday morning about the break of day. No eye-witnesses having yet been discovered, conclusive proof as to how, when or why the tragedy was enacted are still lacking. Suicide, accidental self-destruction and murder are each assigned as causes by those who venture to solve the mystery. The most that is known of the case (and this is gathered from the condition of his body and the time it was discovered) is that Mr. Irby received two loads of buck-shot from very close quarters, the shot ranging downward and outward from a point over his right lung about the fifth rib, the effects from which he died early Friday morning. Both shots entered the body very nearly together and ranged in the same direction. Bullet holes on the wall showed that two other wild shots were made. Lee Starnes, a near neighbor, was the first white person to reach Mr. Irby and he reached the scene before death came. According to his testimony at the inquest, Mr. Irby told him that the wounds were self-inflicted though he gave no reason for suicide. Friends of the deceased think that Mr. Starnes failed to get the full meaning of the dying statement.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide. Mary Hill, who cooked for Mr. Irby and Lee Starnes testified. The News and Courier, of Saturday, gave the following account of the coroner's investigation:

"From the testimony adduced at the inquest, the circumstances surrounding Irby's death were as follows: He arose yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock, dressed and ate breakfast which had been prepared for him by Mary Hill. After breakfast, he called some of his farm employees to him, gave them instructions concerning the performance of certain work, and retired to his bed room, where the fatal shots were fired. The appearance of the wounds in the lower part of his body indicated that Irby had held the muzzle of the shotgun against the power part of his right side, with the stock elevated, and pulled the trigger, or both triggers, simultaneously, it is alleged.

"The two first shots aroused Mary Hill, who was in the rear of the house engaged in her culinary duties, and without stopping to look into her employer's room, she ran to the home of Lee Starnes, which was quite near, and told him of the two shots. He hastened to the room she indicated, and found Irby lying on the floor, still alive. He went to the injured man, and picked his head up in his arms. According to Starnes' testimony at the coroner's inquest, Irby told him that he had shot himself, but assigned no reason for his deed."

The body of the deceased was brought to Laurens Saturday afternoon, accompanied by several friends and relatives who had gone to his side. Sunday morning the body was laid to rest in the cemetery here. Rev. Sanders Guignard, rector of the Episcopal church, conducting the services. A large number of friends and admirers of the young man, both from the city and county, accompanied the body to its last resting place and many beautiful flowers were placed on the grave.

Mr. Irby was 30 years of age. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nanette M. Irby, and the following brothers and sisters: Miss Julia Irby and Miss Katherine Irby, both of this city; Mr. W. C. Irby, Jr., of Laurens; Mr. J. L. M. Irby, of Charleston; Messrs. Pierce B. and Henry G. Irby, of Laurens.

Mr. Irby had lived near Mt. Holly,

## DEMOCRATIC CLUB MET SATURDAY

Organized in the Court House with R. E. Babb as President. Enrollment Books now Open.

The Laurens Township Democratic Club No. 1 met in the court house Saturday afternoon and organized with the following officers:

R. E. Babb, president; Dr. W. H. Dial and G. A. Fuller, vice presidents; Alison Lee, secretary; B. Y. Culbertson, treasurer.

The following executive committee was elected: W. L. Gray, J. S. Machen, S. J. Davis, Jno. F. Bolt, Z. R. Traynham. The committee is empowered to elect its own chairman. Enrolling committee: R. P. Traynham, W. T. Crews and the secretary.

The enrolling committee met yesterday morning and decided that the enrolling book should stay in The Advertiser office except on Saturdays, "public days" and the first three days in each court week, when it will be found in the clerk of court's office. It will be a convenience to the enrolling committee if the voters of the city will enroll on Thursday and Friday, allowing the rural voters to enroll on Saturdays. Enrollment will not be refused on any day of the week, but for reasons not necessary to go into, the latter part of the week is more suitable to the committee than the first part. Voters of the city are requested to come prepared to give their street and house number, so as not to cause delay. It is important that the voters come with this information already in hand as enrolling a thousand voters is no small matter and little delays of this kind entail much long time.

## TWO SAD DEATHS.

T. J. Hughes and Abe Cook Die During Same Week near Fountain Inn. Fountain Inn, June 6.—Many friends and relatives were made sad Wednesday evening at six o'clock when Mr. T. J. Hughes, a prominent farmer of this section, dropped dead while sitting on the front porch of his home near Fountain Inn. Mr. Hughes had been suffering with heart disease for two years, so his death was not altogether a surprise to the family, though at the time the end came he was apparently in good health, and had just come in from his farm.

Mr. Hughes is survived by his widow, four daughters and four sons. The daughters are: Mrs. J. C. Owings, of Laurens; Mrs. T. E. Jones, of Fountain Inn; Mrs. G. L. Knight, of Graniteville, and Miss Ada Hughes. His sons are: Messrs. L. G. J. B. A. J., and L. W. Hughes, all of Fountain Inn.

Mr. Hughes was seventy-three years of age; was a devout member of the Baptist church and was a veteran of the Civil War. During that great struggle he was captured and kept in prison for two years at Rock Island, Ill. For the past fifty years he has been a deacon in the Baptist church and has ever conducted himself as a Christian gentleman. He will be greatly missed in his community.

## Mr. Abe Cook Dead.

Another death which this community has suffered was that of Mr. Abe Cook, a prominent farmer, who resides not far from Fountain Inn. He died Saturday afternoon at his home. Mr. Cook leaves a widow, two daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. O. B. Martin, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Bob Stewart, of Fountain Inn. The sons are Messrs. J. I. Cook, of Hopkins, S. C.; Glen Cook, of Fountain Inn.

Mr. Cook was about seventy-six years old and was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a respected member of the Baptist church, and will be missed in church and family circles.

## Meeting of D. A. R.

The Henry Laurens chapter, D. A. R., will meet Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Miss Laura Barksdale.

In Berkeley county near Charleston, since the first of the year. He was farming about a mile and a half from the railroad station and it is said had excellent prospects for a good crop this year. In view of these prospects and the fact that he had no pressing financial obligations, his friends doubt seriously the theory of suicide.

## INFORMATION AS TO ENROLLING

W. T. Crews, secretary of the county executive committee, has received the enrollment books for the different democratic clubs. These books are so large that he thinks it unwise to attempt to send them through the mail, so all club secretaries are requested to call for them.

In view of the doubt which still seems to prevail as to the executive committee's construction of the rules as to club districts, The Advertiser would call the attention of the club secretaries, and the voters as well, to the instructions pasted on the inside front cover of the enrollment books. It will be noted that the following specific instructions are printed thereon: "At the last meeting of the Laurens County Executive Committee it was ruled that: 'All voters must enroll on Club Roll in the Club District nearest their respective residences in the Townships in which they reside.' In other words a voter cannot cross a township line to enroll or vote. The rule does not apply to towns divided by township lines, special provision being made in the rules for such cases.

Books will be opened as soon as the secretaries call for them and will remain open until July 28th.

## WATTS VS GREENVILLE.

Local Team Will Play Stouch's Interurban League Team Next Saturday.

The Watts Mill team will play the Greenville aggregation at the Watts Mill park next Saturday, the game beginning at 4.30. The Greenville team was organized several weeks ago by Manager Tommy Stouch to represent Greenville in the new Interurban League, which will be composed of Anderson, Greenwood and Greenville. The Watts Mills boys expect to put one over on the leaguers and show them a few things about the great American game.

## Watts Defeats Buñalo.

In the fastest game so far played at Watts, the Buffalo Mill team was defeated by the locals with a score of 2 to 1. Mills, a new man for Watts starred with the stick, and Johnson, on short for the visitors hit well and played better. Both pitchers were in excellent form and both sides fought hard. The locals won by a score of 2 to 1. Mills, a new man for Watts starred for safeties. The box score follows:

Watts Mill	AB	R	H	A	P	O	E
Clark, ss	4	0	0	1	1	1	1
Justus, cf	4	0	0	1	2	0	0
Mills, lf	4	0	3	1	2	0	0
Fisher, 2b	4	1	1	1	2	0	0
Hooper, 1b	3	1	2	0	7	0	0
Sealy, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Christopher, rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Robinson, p	3	0	0	3	2	0	0
Milwood, c	3	0	1	0	10	1	0

Total	31	3	8	8	27	2	1
Buffalo	AB	R	H	A	P	O	E
Johnson, ss	4	1	2	4	2	0	0
Morgan, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Allan, 1b	4	0	2	0	10	1	0
Branks, lf	4	0	1	1	10	0	0
Smith, 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0	0
Martin, p	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Branks, rf	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Smith, 2b	3	0	1	2	0	0	0
Malton, rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	3y	1	8	9	27	1	0

## E. Y. CUNNINGHAM DEAD.

Father of Mr. J. H. Cunningham of this City, Died May 31st.

Mr. E. Y. Cunningham, father of J. H. Cunningham of this city, died at his home a few miles from the city Sunday, May 31, and was buried the following day at Rock Springs church, Dr. W. S. Bean conducting the services.

Mr. Cunningham was 83 years of age. He was preceded to the grave by his wife about four years ago. The following sons and daughters survive him: W. P. Cunningham, of Arkansas; S. L. Cunningham, of Clinton; John H. Cunningham of this city; Geo. W. Cunningham, R. T. Cunningham, Mrs. O. P. Goodwin and Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, all of this county, and Mrs. Minnie Green, of Atlanta.

The deceased served gallantly in the Confederate army. Since the war he has lived at the home place where he died, living a quiet, unassuming but industrious life. He was highly regarded by all who knew him. Many sorrowing friends and relatives followed the body to the grave.

## GAME AT LAURENS MILL.

Arrangements being made to Play Clinton Here Saturday.

Arrangements are being made by Manager Burgess of the Laurens Mill team to have the Clinton Mill team here for a game next Saturday. In all probability the game will be pulled off at the Laurens Mill Park on Saturday though definite arrangements have not yet been completed.

## "UNEDA AD" PLEASED.

Very Entertaining Little Comedy at the Opera House Thursday Evening.

"The Love Story of Uneda Ad", acted in the opera house Thursday evening by members of the local troop of boy scouts and their girl friends attracted a very appreciative audience. The young folks were very originally costumed, representing extensively advertised articles of merchandise, and performed their parts very creditably. In between the scenes the Laurens quartette sang several selections with such effect that they were repeatedly encored.

The profits of the evening were placed in the treasury of the Boy Scout troop. After deducting all expenses about \$25 was cleared for the youngsters.

## WEATH OF W. H. BAGWELL.

Princeton Man Succumbs After an Illness of Several Weeks.

Princeton, June 4.—Mr. George H. Bagwell died at his home here Saturday night after several weeks' illness. The funeral and burial services were held Sunday afternoon at Columbia church, of which the deceased was a faithful member, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Foster. Mr. Bagwell was 62 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Robinson, and the following children: Messrs. Joe, Allen, James, Edward Bagwell and Mrs. G. H. Ridgeway, Jr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson.

## BASEBALL THIS EVE.

Minors Against Majors WIN be the Title.

Boys and men, 21 summers and under will play ball this afternoon. They will play against those who are 22 winters and over. The object of the game is to create some excitement by bluffing the weather bureau into pouring out a little water, and incidentally to collect a few dimes which will be handed over to the Kings Daughters. The contest is scheduled for 5:30 and will probably begin then. As hereinbefore stated, the admission fee will be 10 cents; anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

## Summer Pullman Service.

The Charleston & Western Carolina railroad has announced the operation of a through Pullman parlor buffet car between Augusta and Asheville via Laurens, Spartanburg and Southern railway. This is the regular Pullman car put on annually to take care of the summer travel. The service will begin June 14th.

## CAROLINA TROOPS MAY PARTICIPATE

Augusta Camp Open to Palmetto Militia. Governor to Decide.

Columbia, June 9.—After the receipt of a telegram yesterday from the Eastern department, United States war department, Governor's Island reestablishing the instruction camp at Augusta, the governor, as commander in chief of the National Guard will today decide whether or not the three South Carolina regiments are to attend the camp. The telegram from Adj. Gen. Simpson was referred to the governor for consideration by O. W. Babb, assistant adjutant general. The chief executive will give his decision after a conference with the commanding officers of the regiments.

Several days ago the war department issued an order that the proposed camp at Augusta had been abolished because of the situation in Mexico. Regiments from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida were ordered to prepare for encampments within their respective states. The order, however, was rescinded yesterday and the joint camp will be held at Augusta.

The following telegram was received yesterday at the office of the adjutant general from Adj. Gen. Simpson, Eastern department, Governor's Island, N. Y.

"In view of arrangements having been made to hold a joint camp at Augusta, Ga., for Ninth militia division and the great expense undergone for that purpose you are authorized and urged to send the militia of your state to that camp in spite of instructions contained in telegram of June 3, directing establishment of joint state camps. Immediate decision as to whether your troop will attend camp at Augusta or not is requested. All organizations in your state designated to attend joint camp must camp same place during, on period."—The State.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LAURENS.

Fine Chance for the Young Girls and Boys of this County to Win College Education.

Two South Carolina colleges now have notices in The Advertiser offering free scholarships to the girls and boys of Laurens county. The College of Charleston offers free tuition to one boy from this county, and the boy winning this has an opportunity to compete, after his entrance, for several scholarships ranging in value from 100 to 200 per year. Winthrop college offers two scholarships to the girls of this county. The value of these scholarships is \$100 per year and tuition. Both of these colleges are in the front rank of South Carolina colleges and a scholarship from either is well worth some very hard study. The examinations to decide the winners will be held in Laurens on the third of next month.

## Graduating in Pharmacy.

L. E. Bishop, of this city, and M. H. Harris, of Gray Court, were among the graduates in pharmacy at the Charleston Medical college this year. Both of these young men stood well in their classes, Mr. Harris being among the first seven honor men.

## Citizens Meeting Today.

The annual meeting of property owners of the city is to be held in the county court house this morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of levying a tax for the maintenance of the graded schools during the coming session.

## Nichols to Address Voters.

Samuel J. Nichols, of Spartanburg, candidate for congress, will make a public address at the Laurens Cottonmill Saturday afternoon. It is not known yet at what hour the address will be made, but it is presumed that he will begin speaking about five o'clock.

## Sullivan-Harris.

Mr. Hewlett E. Sullivan and Miss Stella Harris, two young people of Mountville, were happily married at the residence of Rev. Geo. Sudson DeLano, D. D., on June 3rd. Only the friends of the contracting pair were present.

## ENROLLMENT BOOKS NOW BEING OPENED

Some Clubs Not Yet Reported Secretaries

BOOKS CLOSE ON JULY 28TH

Secretaries who have not yet secured Enrolling Books are Expected to Apply to the County Secretary, Mr. W. T. Crews, who will Supply Them.

The books of enrollment for Laurens county democratic clubs are now open for the enrollment of names of all democrats residing in their respective club districts at the following places:

Laurens Township Democratic Club No. 1—Secretary, Alison Lee; enrollment committee, Alison Lee, R. P. Traynham, W. T. Crews. Book open at Advertiser office, except on Saturdays, salesdays and first three days court week, when the book can be found in the office of the clerk of court.

Laurens Cotton Mill—Secretary, J. W. Hellams; enrollment committee, J. W. Hellams, R. J. Franks, R. S. Templeton. Books open at J. W. Hellam's barber shop.

Watts Mill—secretary, M. A. Garrett; enrollment committee, M. A. Garrett, E. Y. McQuown, B. E. Sargee. Books open at Watts Mill store.

Poplar Springs—E. E. Simpson, Sr., secretary; enrollment committee, E. E. Simpson, Sr., G. B. Taylor, J. F. Mitchell. Books open at E. E. Simpson's residence.

Ora—G. W. Blakely, secretary; enrollment committee, Will McClintock, O. L. Hunter, G. H. Blakely. Book open at W. T. Blakely's store.

Hickory Tavern—J. W. Kellett, secretary; enrollment committee, J. W. Kellett, W. M. Abercrombie, C. C. Saxton. Book open at W. M. Abercrombie's store.

Goldville—Secretary, J. G. Hale; enrollment committee, J. G. Hale, J. E. Ham, G. A. Browning. Book open at J. G. Hale's store.

Waterloo Town—Secretary, G. C. Anderson; enrollment committee, G. C. Anderson, Herbert Nelson, J. T. Garrett. Book open at G. C. Anderson's store.

Gray Court—Secretary, Arch C. Owings; enrollment committee, Arch C. Owings, Dorroh Pedon, Zeno Wilson. Book open at Gray Court Drug Co.

Dials Church—Secretary W. R. Harris; enrollment committee, W. R. Harris, Dave Brownlee, Alec McCall. Book open at W. R. Harris' residence.

Power Shop—R. M. Bryson, secretary; enrollment committee, R. M. Bryson, H. J. G. Curry, Louis Gilliland. Book open at Bryson and Stoddard's store.

Woodville—Secretary, J. E. Wham; enrollment committee, J. E. Wham, Rufus Gray, W. R. Putnam. Book open at J. E. Wham's residence.

Daniel's Store—J. C. Martin, secretary; enrollment committee, J. C. Martin, W. L. Cooper, T. L. Martin. Book open at J. C. Martin's store.

Patterson's Store—Secretary, C. C. Hembree; enrollment committee, C. C. Hembree, J. T. Burgess, W. G. Harmon. Book open at residence of C. C. Hembree.

Mount Pleasant—Secretary, Guy E. Moore; enrollment committee, Guy E. Moore, Gary M. Fowler, B. H. Pasley. Book open at Guy E. Moore's residence.

Tiptop—Secretary, Q. W. Sims; enrollment committee, Q. W. Sims, W. J. Anderson, S. A. Taylor. Book open at residence of Q. W. Sims.

Shiloh—Secretary, R. G. Wilson; enrollment committee, R. G. Wilson, Jim Abercrombie, W. S. Chestine. Book at R. G. Wilson's residence.

Young's Store—Secretary, Austin Abercrombie; enrollment committee, Austin Abercrombie, W. G. Henderson, Wilkerson Wallace. Book open at Austin Abercrombie's residence.

Lydia Mill—Secretary, J. McC. Barksdale; enrollment committee, W. D. L. Baldwin, W. N. Blackwell, T. E. Boyce. Book open at office of secretary.

It is desired that the enrolling books for each democratic club be opened at some convenient place as near the center of the club district as possible, and all clubs that have not already

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